

5 integrating a network component layer of the computer system with the software
6 component architecture to provide a cooperating component computing arrangement [by
7 providing a platform for developing network navigation components for operation on a
8 variety of hardware and software computer systems, the network navigation components
9 constructed], wherein the network component layer includes application programming
10 interfaces that are adapted to construct network navigation components to represent dif-
11 ferent network resources available on the computer network;
12 creating a plurality of network navigation components using the cooperating
13 component computing arrangement; and
14 invoking a selected one of the created network navigation components to provide
15 a selected network service that enhances the ability of the user to access information on
16 the computer networks.

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge and thank the Examiner on the allowability of claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 11-16. Claim 17 has been amended to clarify and distinctly claim the subject matter of the invention. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

1. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 17-19 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Potel et al., "The architecture of the Taligent system," *Dr. Dobb's on CD ROM*, Spring 1994. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.